

REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 8-14 and 16-21 recite allowable subject matter.

Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the feature recited in claim 9, now cancelled. Claims 10 and 11 are amended to depend from claim 5, rather than cancelled claim 9. Claim 6 is amended to delete superfluous language. New claims 22-24 correspond to the prior versions of allowable claims 8, 12, and 13, respectively, rewritten in independent form.

Rejection under 35 USC 103

Claims 5-7 and 15 are rejected in view Butler et al. (US 6,164,308) in combination with Drake (GB 2,036,606). This rejection as not applied against claim 9. As noted above, claim 5 is amended to incorporate the feature recited in claim 9. Thus, this rejection is rendered moot by the amendment to claim 5. Submission of the amendment is not to be construed as acquiescence to any ground of rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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